IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1 1. (currently amended) A method for improving performance of an audio chip 2 including a DSP[[,]] comprising the steps of: 3 . providing an apparatus having a plurality of elements running in parallel 4 with said the DSP; 5 configuring said the apparatus to perform a function according to a 6 configuration setup; and 7 employing said the apparatus for accessing data from said the plurality of 8 elements in a pipeline structure to maximize utilization of said the plurality of 9 elements, wherein data is accessed in a four-cycle pipeline structure in a pre-10 multiplication function, in an IFFT function, and in a post-multiplication function; 11 wherein data is accessed in a six-cycle pipeline structure in a biquad mode; and wherein data is accessed in a nine-cycle pipeline structure in a double precision 12 13 biquad mode. 1 2-18. (Cancelled)